COMANCHE®

Gold

INSTALLATION & SETUP

Welcome to *Comanche Gold*. This guide will help you get the program installed on your computer, and will walk you through the configuration of your system.

INSTALLING COMANCHE AND STARTING PLAY

In order to play *Comanche Gold*, you must first install the game files onto your computer's hard drive. You should also calibrate your joystick before beginning play, and there are a series of game options offered by the program itself that you should consider.

GAME INSTALLATION

Your gateway to installing and running *Comanche Gold* is the AutoRun program. AutoRun will automatically load the game itself and run each time you insert the Comanche CD into your CD drive.

THE AUTORUN PROGRAM

Before you begin installing the game, close all programs that your computer may be currently running. The installation program requires all your computer's resources. Then:

1) Place the game CD into your CD-ROM drive and close the drive door. The AutoRun program will now take over. If you have turned off the AutoRun feature or if AutoRun fails to launch automatically, double-click on the "My Computer" icon on your desktop and then double-click on your computer's CD-ROM drive letter. This should launch *Comanche Gold*'s AutoRun.

2) Click the mouse on one of the menu choices, or type the letter corresponding to the underlined hot-key. The AutoRun menu gives you the following choices:

Start Comanche— Select this option to play the simulation. You will first have to install the program to your hard drive.

Install Comanche— Select this option to install the simulation onto your hard drive. You must install the game before you can play.

Start Mission Editor—Select this option to run *Comanche Gold Mission Editor*. You will first have to install the game on your hard drive.

Install Armored Fist 2 Demo— Click here to have a demo version of *Armored Fist 2* installed on your hard drive.

Install F-22 Raptor Demo— Click here to have a demo version of *F-22 Raptor* installed on your hard drive.

Explore CD— This CD also contains additional data and program files not accessible through the Autorun screen. Use this option to install the Adobe Acrobat Reader or programmable joystick files.

View Readme— The Readme file contains the latest technical and game-related information about the program.

Install DirectX— Select this option to install this version of DirectX. You must have DirectX 3.0 or greater installed on your machine to play *Comanche Gold*.

Exit— Exits the AutoRun program.

When you are ready, select Install *Comanche*.

INSTALLING *Comanche Gold* GAME FILES

Use your mouse to make appropriate selections, or press the letter of the underlined hot key.

1) At the beginning of the installation program you are given the opportunity to select a destination folder for the game. A default destination (C:\Program Files\Novalogic\Comanche Gold) is typed in the window for you. Press the Enter key to select the default destination. Otherwise, select your own folder name. If the folder you specify does not already exist on your hard drive, the install program will create it for you. You will be prompted to choose which install size you want. The Large install is a complete multiplayer station installation allowing multiplayer gameplay without multiple CD's. The Small install is the minimum install for balanced hard drive and CD-ROM usage.

2) If there is enough free hard drive space at the destination site, the program will copy the files from your *Comanche Gold* CD. An on-screen progress meter displays the completion percentage as the program transfers the files.

3) The install procedure automatically adds a NovaLogic folder to your Windows® 95/98 Start Menu under the Programs heading. A *Comanche Gold* sub-folder within the NovaLogic folder contains an application short-cut icon for the game. The install also places a *Comanche Gold* shortcut icon on your desktop. Additional shortcuts for the Readme file, Mission Editor and Mission Editor Readme file are also placed in the Start Menu in the *Comanche Gold* sub-folder.

4) If your system does not already have DirectX 3.0 or greater installed, you will need to install it now. Select Install DirectX from the AutoRun program, then follow the on-screen instructions.

5) You will need to restart your computer to activate DirectX before you can play *Comanche Gold*.

CALIBRATING THE JOYSTICK

You will need to calibrate your joystick in Windows® 95/98 for it to work properly in *Comanche Gold*. Follow these steps:

1. Click on the Start button at the far left of the Taskbar at the bottom of the screen.
2. Highlight Settings, then select Control Panel from the menu.
3. Double-click on the Game Controllers icon.
4. Select your joystick from the list of game controllers you have installed, then follow the on-screen instructions to calibrate your joystick.

STARTING THE GAME

1. If your computer is already turned on and the *Comanche Gold* CD is in the CD-ROM drive,

double-click on the *Comanche Gold* shortcut icon, or go to the directory containing the simulation and double-click on the *Comanche Gold* program icon.

2. If your computer is on, but the program CD is not in the drive, insert the *Comanche Gold* CD into the drive and select Start from the AutoRun screen. If no screen appears when you insert the CD, double-click on the My Computer icon on your desktop, then double-click on the icon for your computer's CD-ROM drive. You can then choose Start from the AutoRun screen. You may also use your computer's Browse function to locate and launch the program.

3. Enjoy!

Configuring the Game for Play

Comanche Gold offers the player a variety of configuration options for customizing control of the game and allowing you to take advantage of joysticks and other controllers. These configuration options are accessed in the menu bar. Here is a brief run-down on the options which are available.

The menu bar can be accessed from the main menu or while playing a mission by pressing "ESC". Use the "left" or "right" keys to select between menus, use the "up" and "down" keys to highlight options from within each menu and press "ENTER" to select a highlighted option. When you are finished making changes, press "ESC" again to remove the menu bar.

Game Menu

The game menu has different options for mission playbacks, ending missions and exiting the game.

Control

The control menu provides options for using joysticks and other game control devices. You can enable the currently configured Windows joystick as well as throttle controller, foot pedals, etc. You can also customize some flight characteristics in this menu.

Options

The options menu allows you to choose between the Easy and Advanced Flight Models as well as enable or disable certain individual *Comanche* flight characteristics.

Detail

The detail menu contains options for controlling the graphical detail and volume settings in the game. Most of the options in this menu have variable settings. To change the settings for an option, highlight it using the "up" and "down" keys, then press the "+" or "-" keys to increase or decrease the setting level.

Video

The video menu lets you specify a video mode or window size, switch between full-screen and windowed mode and adjust the gamma of the display.

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